

ON NATURALIZATION.

The Famous Decision of Judge Anderson.

"NO MORMONS NEED APPLY."

A General Review of the Points Made During The Investigation and the Decision.

To the Editor of THE HERALD.

Judge Anderson says in his famous decision that no Mormon need apply for naturalization, because God commanded the people in Nauvoo, through their prophet, Joseph Smith, to build a house in which to entertain strangers. And further, because D. H. Wells, in May, 1879, being asked to reveal in open court some of the Endowment house ceremonies, refused to do so and was subjected to imprisonment in the penitentiary; and because the people met this great leader in procession after his term of imprisonment had expired, and escorted him home from the penitentiary, thus showing their respect for a man who chose imprisonment rather than break his sacred covenants; and further, because Orson Hyde, one of the twelve apostles, expressed his firm belief in a pamphlet written by one of his fellow apostles, Orson Pratt, entitled "The Kingdom of God," and further, because Brigham Young said the United States government perpetrated a dastardly and cruel enactment in 1846, when it demanded of the Mormon people all of their able-bodied men to march two thousand miles away, as United States soldiers, leaving their old men, their women and children unprotected and unprotected for in an Indian country; and for this, because Jedediah M. Grant held up to execration such apostates as Andrew Cannon, Wardell H. W. Law, and others; and further, because Judge Anderson, on July 4, 1888, the stars and stripes were placed at half mast on some of the principal buildings in Salt Lake city. The Mormons said they did this as an emblem of mourning. Judge Anderson, who is the keeper of these Mormon consciences, says they did it because they were traitors of the United States government.

And further, because John Taylor, one of the presidents of the Mormon church, who, being under an indictment for unlawful cohabitation, hid from the officers of the law, and died while in hiding, and yet his honor implies that the Mormons did not rise up and cut their president off from the church because he had been indicted for an alleged violation of law, an ex post facto law, for President Taylor, like hundreds of others who were indicted, and many of them imprisoned, had married their wives prior to the law of 1862 prohibiting plural marriage.

Great guns are being fired. When had a religious body the right or even the desire to rise up against their leader because of persecution to that leader, or what they understood to be persecution, and repudiate him or her? The Mormons touch, his honor says, that this kingdom to which the Mormon people say they belong, will overthrow the United States and all other governments. The judge cannot show one word so taught by any of the Mormon people. And so this statement of his is utterly without foundation in fact.

And further, that polygamy is a command of God unto these Mormons, and that the teachings, objects and aims of the Mormon people are antagonistic to the United States government. For all these and diverse reasons the learned judge denies citizenship to sundry men whom he follows: Fred W. Miller, Henry J. Brown, John B. H. Brown, Charles S. Clissold, Nils Anderson, Carl P. Larson, Thomas M. Mumford, John Garbett, Arthur Townsend and John Moore. Now, these men could become legal voters if naturalized, and it is presumed that the judge only refuses them naturalization because he surmises they are going to vote with the People's party. Now, when this surmise was brought before his honor, the learned judge said he would exclude all testimony, only that which bore upon the matter of the fitness for naturalization, and that moral character of the said applicant, Moore. The records of the proceedings will show how the learned judge did not keep his word.

These men who presented themselves for naturalization probably never knew personally Brigham Young or J. M. Grant or Orson Hyde or Orson Pratt, and never heard any utterances from any of these men quoted by his honor, and without even asking any of the applicants for citizenship if they did or did not endorse them, they are one and all denied citizenship, without even a chance of pleading guilty or not guilty. The witnesses of these applicants, so far as examined, proved that the applicants were of good moral character, while in one case, a man whom the Liberator presented stood confessed an adulterer before the court; yet this same to the court, lovely character was passed and admitted, and the learned judge stated in open court that if this individual had only been guilty of the crime once it did not stamp him as a naturalized citizen, and then passed and admitted the adulterer without even asking him if he were white and beautiful all but the one sin.

Judge Anderson will yet learn that he has put himself to testing up and assisting a set of disappointed carpet-baggers to get hold of and waste the hard earnings of the builders and founders of this beautiful city of the Rocky mountains. The Mormon people are unpopular. Baskin was once unpopular. He once appeared before the House of Congress as a contestant in the delegate from Utah, and because Hon. George Q. Cannon had a small majority of fifteen or twenty two minority votes in his favor over and above the small minority vote of the honorable Mr. Baskin, the House of Congress, contrary to the present "policy" of President Harrison, admitted Mr. Cannon and let Mr. B. return home at his leisure and at his own expense, or to secure donations from his brethren of the P. O. H. of the United States, Utah department, as they could. And for this and other sore disappointments, Baskin has sworn to never forgive the Mormons.

Ex-United States prosecutor for Utah, Mr. W. H. Dickson, is in the same boat. He it was who instituted the segregation or numerous count, of one, two, three, or four against parties charged with violating the Edmunds law in Utah territory. The United States supreme court, "Washington branch," decided that this ruling of Mr. Dickson was bad law, thereby turning out of prison some illustrious Mormons whom Mr. Dickson had intended to maintain in prison for the balance of their natural lives. Although the United States supreme court is credited with this rebuke to Mr. Dickson, and whether he hecesses that august body or not of being bought by Mormon gold, as rumor says he does, one thing is certain—ex-Attorney William H. Dickson has never forgiven the Mormon people for what the supreme court did in this case, nor for taking off his political head and making him a private citizen with very limited power before a decent court, and for causing him to write ex before his name, albeit it was a great blessing to the Mormon people, yet they had no hand in his taking off, no more than they did in the deep "immersion of his" taking on. Although they had no hand in his political death, yet he thinks they have relieved the burden of his dying.

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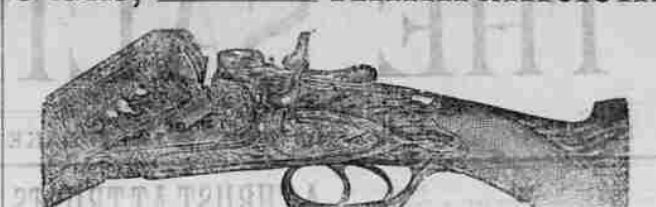
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